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MISSOULA--

The National Theater of the Deaf, one of two companies in the world with predominantly deaf actors, will perform on Oct. 14 at the University of Montana in Missoula. The performance will be at 8 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Actors in the company use "sign mime," a combination of sign language and mime as a theatrical extension of the manual language deaf people use. Three or four narrators off stage speak the lines as actors perform corresponding roles.

Among the works the company will present Oct. 14 at UM are "Four Saints in Three Acts" by Gertrude Stein, with music by Virgil Thompson; a curtain riser entitled "The Harmfulness of Tobacco" by Anton Chekhov, and an afterpiece entitled "Children's Letters to God," with additional poetry by Robert Frost and e. e. cummings.

The National Theater of the Deaf, which is affiliated with the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater Center Inc., Waterford, Conn., has presented more than 1,700 performances in the U.S., including two Broadway presentations. The group also has made a world tour.

Prices for reserved seat tickets will be \$4.50 and \$3.50 for the general public and \$3 and \$2.50 for UM students with validated identification cards. Ticket sales will open Monday, Sept. 27, at the Associated Students' Store on the mall level of the University Center. ^{may be} Reservations also/made beginning Sept. 27 by phoning 243-6661.

The performance by the National Theater of the Deaf is under the sponsorship of the Program Council of the Associated Students of UM. Gary Bogue, director of programming services for the UC, who also is a consultant to the ASUM Program Council, is coordinator of the October performance.